

Health Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 9, 2008  
Rock County Human Services Building  
Luverne, MN 56156

The following Health Board Members were present: Karen Pfeifer, Richard Bakken, Lyla Hieronimus and Bob Jarchow.

Others present: Brad Meyer, Barb Bents, Barb Navara, Cindy Frederickson, Kyle Oldre and Mary Rippke (MDH).

Chair Karen Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

On a motion by Richard Bakken and seconded by Bob Jarchow, it was duly passed to approve the agenda.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Health Board meeting that was held on June 11, 2008. Lyla Hieronimus moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Bob Jarchow. Motion carried.

The July bills were presented to the board for payment. The total of the bills presented was \$45,191.08. Bob Jarchow moved to allow the bills. Motion seconded by Richard Bakken. Bills allowed.

June financial was reviewed. Balance as of 6/30/08 was \$311,780.99

**Old Business:**

Brad Meyer gave an update on his activities for the past month.

Cindy Frederickson, Barb Navara and Barb Bents gave an update on team activities.

Brad updated the Board on the priorities that were identified at the retreat that was held in January.

The annual Health Board meeting will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Cost will be \$8.88 per person to attend.

The "Your Public Health Neighbor. A Telephone Reassurance Program" began on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We currently have one person signed up for the service.

**New Business:**

Deb Sodt, TB Program Manager from the Minnesota Department of Health gave a presentation on tuberculosis which included the statistics for both Nobles and Rock counties.

We have received notification from MDH that our Local Public Health grant will be reduced by \$1,265.00 for the remainder of 2008.

Several contracts were reviewed including the Master Grant contract with the Minnesota Department of Health, the Public Health Preparedness grant extension and the interpreter contract with Rita Ricalde. A motion was made by Bob Jarchow and seconded by Richard Bakken to approve the contracts. Motion carried.

Our agency will be having a booth at each of the county fairs again this year. The theme of the booth will be Public Health Preparedness. The Rock County fair will be held from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Nobles County Fair will be held from August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Purchase of Service contracts with both Nobles and Rock County Family Services for the contract PHN position are in the process of being reviewed and updated for the upcoming contract year.

Discussion was held regarding increasing Stephanie Ross from .8 FTE to 1.0 FTE effective August 1, 2008. Her duties will include WIC, footcare and MCH visits. A motion was made by Richard Bakken and seconded by Bob Jarchow to approve the increase effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

The "Avoiding Penalty for Personal Care Assistant Assessment Policy" was reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Jarchow and seconded by Lyla Hieronimus to approve the policy. Motion carried.

Program Reports were reviewed.

The next Health Board meeting will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in Worthington.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Bents